

PERSONAL PREPARATION | COMMUNION

Q: What does God's Word say about me?

A: It says that I have failed to live as God commands and, therefore, deserve his punishment.

Q: What if I think I have obeyed his commands or if it doesn't bother me that I have not?

A: I should compare what I have done and how I have carried out my responsibilities and compare that to the Ten Commandments.

Q: When I understand that I have failed to live the way God wants me to live, what should I do?

A: I will confess my sins, both those I knowingly committed as well as those I was unaware of.

Q: How do I receive the forgiveness that I do not deserve?

A: God's Word shows me that Jesus lived a perfect life, obeying all of God's commands, and died in my place. Through faith in Jesus, God now does not see my failures, but only Jesus' perfection.

Q: How can I be sure?

A: Through the Lord's Supper, Jesus forgives my sins, removes my doubts, and strengthens me to live how God wants me to live.

Q: This is an amazing gift that I don't deserve, how will I respond?

A: I cannot help but to respond with humility and thanks, and with the strength this sacrament provides me I will produce those fruits natural to a forgiven Christian: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.